

CCTV: DEVELOPING PRIVACY BEST PRACTICES

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Documenting the Challenges and Benefits of CCTV for Crime Control & Prevention



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Presentation Overview

- Why evaluate CCTV use?
- Documentation of implementation
- Analysis of impact
- Unintended consequences
- Questions/comments



Why Evaluate CCTV Use?

- Rapid adoption across the U.S.
- Significant investment in resources
- Need for guidance, direction
- Prior research is limited
- Interest in costs v. benefits



Evaluation Components

- Funded by COPS, partnership with Target Corp.
- Four U.S. cities
 - Chicago (IL), Baltimore (MD), Hyattsville (MD), TBD
- Documentation of decision-making processes, anticipated benefits
- Evaluation of implementation and operations
- Assessment of impact (Chicago and Baltimore)
- Cost-benefit analysis



Documenting Investment & Implementation Decisions

Investment Decisions

- Community need/readiness
- Privacy concerns
- Camera type
 - Fixed or mobile
 - Pan/tilt/zoom
 - Enhanced (gunshot detection, facial recognition)
- Cost

Implementation Decisions

- Camera location
 - Guided by hot spots or politics?
 - Visible or hidden?
- Monitoring scheme
 - Live monitoring? By whom?
 - Links to 911/dispatch
- Storage and retrieval



Analyzing Impacts

- Prevent crime/deter criminals
 - Cameras must be visible/prominent
 - Swift response/arrests
 - Promote word on street
 - Diffusion of benefits
- Support arrests, investigations, prosecutions
 - Real-time response
 - Storage/retrieval of footage
- Increase perceptions of safety, promote commerce



Exploring Unintended Consequences

- Community resistance, privacy concerns
- Displacement of criminal activity
- Increased fear
- Reduced real estate values



Questions/Comments

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